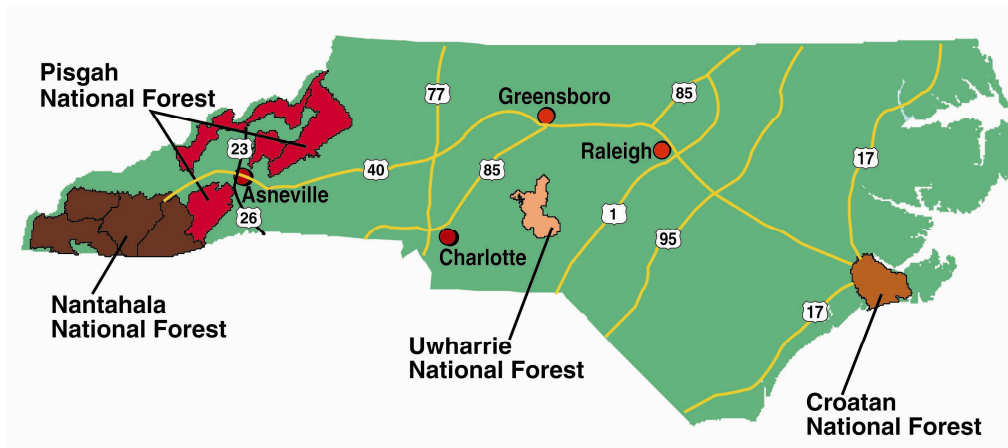




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March 2012 Briefing Book



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## **2011 Accomplishments**

### **National Forests in North Carolina**

#### **By the Numbers**

**Acreage: 1.25 million acres** (Nantahala, Pisgah, Uwharrie, and Croatan National Forests)  
**Employees: 212**

#### **Accomplishments**

##### **Trails Strategy Initiative Underway**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, the National Forests in North Carolina (NFsNC) made final preparations for the roll-out of its Trails Strategy initiative. The agency unveiled the effort in December 2011. In 2012, trail enthusiasts and others in North Carolina have the chance to provide input on the Forest Service's trail planning process. This year-long effort gives partners the opportunity to identify sustainable trail systems in the four national forests.

##### **NFsNC Revises Uwharrie Forest Plan**

NFsNC released the proposed Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Uwharrie National Forest during the summer of 2011. This management plan was the outcome of a collaborative process involving the Forest Service, other agencies, representatives of numerous non-governmental organizations and other interested citizens. Key emphasis areas for the new plan include increasing the amount of longleaf pine forests, increasing use of prescribed fire as a management tool, continuing to provide high quality recreation opportunities, and protecting historic and archaeological resources. A decision on the plan is expected in early 2012.

##### **Agency Surpasses Watershed Improvement Target**

NFsNC surpassed its goal of improving 172 acres of watersheds in 2011. NFsNC improved 179 acres of watersheds, or 104 percent of the 2011 target. The agency improved watershed conditions by eliminating illegal motor vehicle access on user-created roads and trails, reducing erosion and stabilizing erosion prone soils. The Forest Service also used natural channel design techniques to stabilize stream channels and improve aquatic and riparian habitat.

##### **Nantahala/Pisgah Restoration Work Continues**

The Nantahala/Pisgah Restoration Steering Committee is continuing to address the six restoration goals identified for the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests. The committee, which meets quarterly, consists of individuals from the Forest Service, state agencies and interested stakeholder organizations who work collaboratively to align restoration goals with project-level forest management. The committee formed working groups to address four goals or issues: invasive species; wildlife habitat; hemlock woolly adelgid control; and prescribed fire. One project that has grown out of this committee's work is an amendment to the Nantahala and Pisgah Forest Plan that allows for increased use of prescribed fire on the landscape. Another project considers additional resources to prioritize project planning – going beyond timber resources to also consider watershed condition, the need for prescribed fire, and the need to treat invasive plants.

**2011 Accomplishments (cont.)**  
**National Forests in North Carolina**

**Protecting Pristine Areas through Land Acquisition**

Last year, NFsNC purchased a 35-acre, pristine tract of land from Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. The Macon County tract is adjacent to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and surrounded by the Nantahala National Forest. NFsNC acquired the tract using a combination of Appalachian Trail and critical in-holding funds in August 2011. This tract protects scenic values of the Appalachian Trail and Wesser Bald Fire Tower, which overlooks the surrounding Nantahala Mountains. This tract exemplifies the “threatened treasures” in North Carolina – key inholding tracts identified for Forest Service acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 2012 and 2013.

**Restoring Longleaf Pine in the Piedmont and Coastal Plain**

NFsNC continued its efforts to restore longleaf pine in the national forests of the piedmont and coastal plain. Close to 80 acres of longleaf pine were planted in the Uwharrie National Forest in FY 2011. Also, the agency unveiled the draft Uwharrie National Forest plan which calls for restoration of longleaf pine at the rate of 100 acres per year for the life of the plan. More than 800 acres of the Uwharrie are restored to longleaf pine. In the Croatan National Forest, prescribed burns in longleaf pine covered more than 3,300 acres in 2011. There are approximately 15,000 acres of longleaf pine on the forest.

**Agency Unveils Chattooga Wild and Scenic River Assessment**

In FY 2011, the Forest Service released an environmental assessment (EA) on managing recreation uses on the upper segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River. A 30-day comment period allowed the public to provide input on the EA and preferred alternative. The preferred alternative allowed whitewater boating on the upper river in winter and spring and preserves a boat-free experience for other users the rest of the year.



*The Forest Service unveiled its management plan for the Chattooga River in January 2012.*

## NFsNC Ranger Districts: Cheoah and Tusquitee

### District Ranger: Lauren Stull

#### **By the Numbers**

**Acreage: 272, 800 acres**

**Employees: 35**

#### **Accomplishments**

##### **Protecting Forests against Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, the Cheoah and Tusquitee Ranger Districts used both systemic insecticide treatments and predator beetles to protect over 450 acres of national forest from the HWA. NFsNC has a treatment program to address the HWA problem in western North Carolina. Part of the program includes a working group made up of local conservation groups and members of the Restoration Steering Committee.



*District Silviculturist David Casey treating hemlock trees with insecticide to fight the HWA.*

##### **Celebrating Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

In 2011, the Cheoah Ranger District, in cooperation with many community partners, hosted a celebration to honor the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest. Approximately 250 people attended the celebration held July 30 at the Rattler Ford Campground. The ceremony featured a reading of Joyce Kilmer's best-known work, the poem "Trees," by Kilmer's granddaughter Miriam Kilmer and a Member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

##### **Promoting Forest Health with Prescribed Burning**

This year, the Cheoah and Tusquitee Ranger Districts conducted prescribed burns on more than 4,500 acres of national forest, promoting healthy forests and wildlife habitat.

##### **Agency Improves Recreation Facilities**

A number of improvements were made to developed recreation facilities across the Cheoah and Tusquitee Ranger Districts in 2011. Rattler Ford Campground, Horse Cove Campground and Tsali Campground received new picnic tables, improved signage and parking area improvements. This year the Forest Service transitioned the Jackrabbit Campground to municipal water and sewer systems, ensuring more reliable services to visitors. A grand-opening event was held at the popular Jackrabbit Mountain Bike and Hiking Trail. New bathrooms and potable water were also installed at the trailhead. These improvements continue to enhance the recreation experience for the forests' many visitors.

##### **District Uses Special Hiring Authority to Hire Firefighter**

The agency recently hired Cody Trout-Thomas through a program that hires graduates of the Job Corps program. Cody is a graduate of the Schenck Job Corps Center in Pisgah Forest, N.C. He was hired under the Student Career Experience Program, which converts students to permanent employees after 640 work hours. Cody is a wildland firefighter and is also working in the recreation program on the Tusquitee Ranger District. Cody, a native of Texas, is excited about the opportunity to work on the district.



**Cheoah Ranger District**

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State of North Carolina  
Forest Service - Region 8  
Nantahala National Forest

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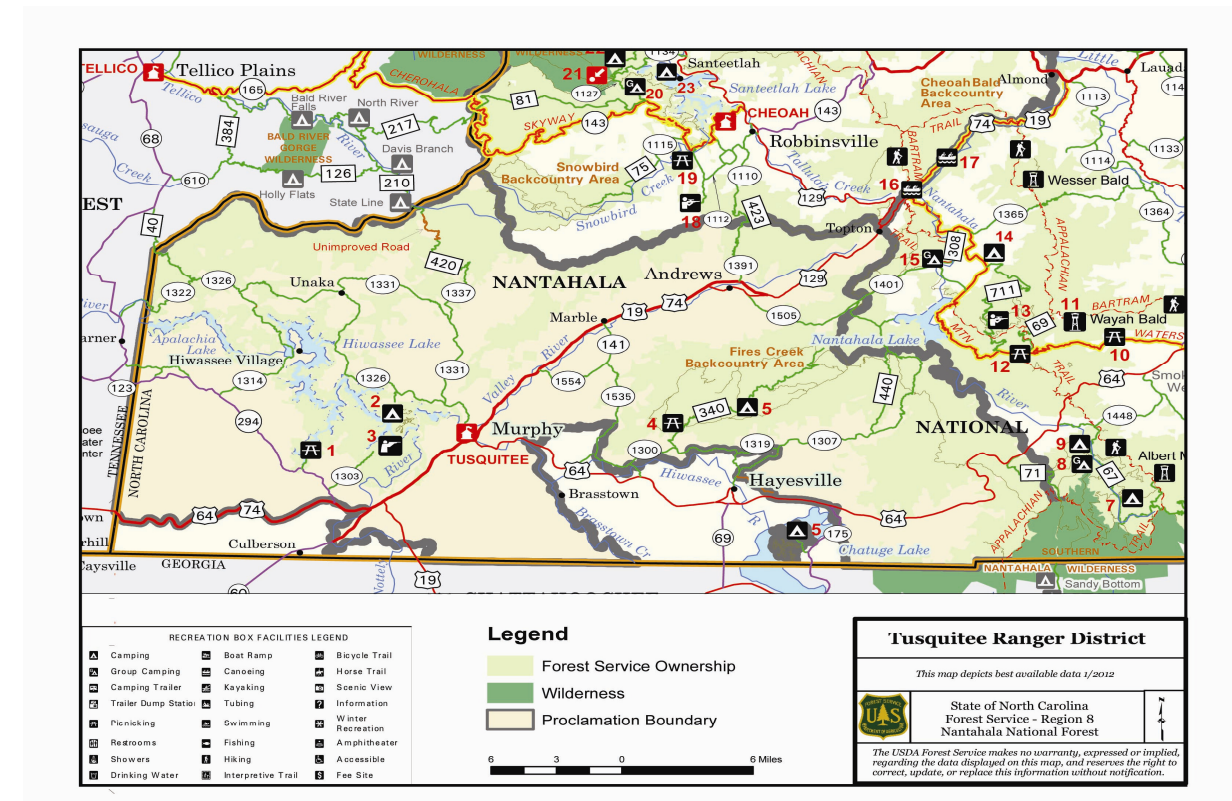
**Legend**

- Forest Service Ownership
- Wilderness
- Proclamation Boundary

**RECREATION BOX FACILITIES LEGEND**

- Camping
- Group Camping
- Camping Trailer
- Trailer Dump Station
- Picnicking
- Restrooms
- Showers
- Drinking Water
- Boat Ramp
- Canoing
- Kayaking
- Tubing
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Interpretive Trail
- Bicycle Trail
- Horse Trail
- Scenic View
- Information
- Water Recreation
- Amphitheater
- Accessible
- Fee Site

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**NFsNC Ranger District: Nantahala  
District Ranger: Mike Wilkins**

**By the Numbers**

**Acreage: 259,110 acres**

**Employees: 29**

**Accomplishments**

**Bartram Trail Land Acquisition**

The Bartram Trail, a National Recreation Trail, traverses approximately 72 miles across the Nantahala Ranger District. The Bartram Trail Society acquired a 10.1 acre tract of land adjacent to a trail near Gray Gap. The purchase allowed the Nantahala Ranger District to move a section of trail to a site location that is easier to maintain and safer for public use on this nationally significant trail. Negotiations for the acquisition occurred over a 13-year period.

**Reconstructing Wayehutta OHV Trail**

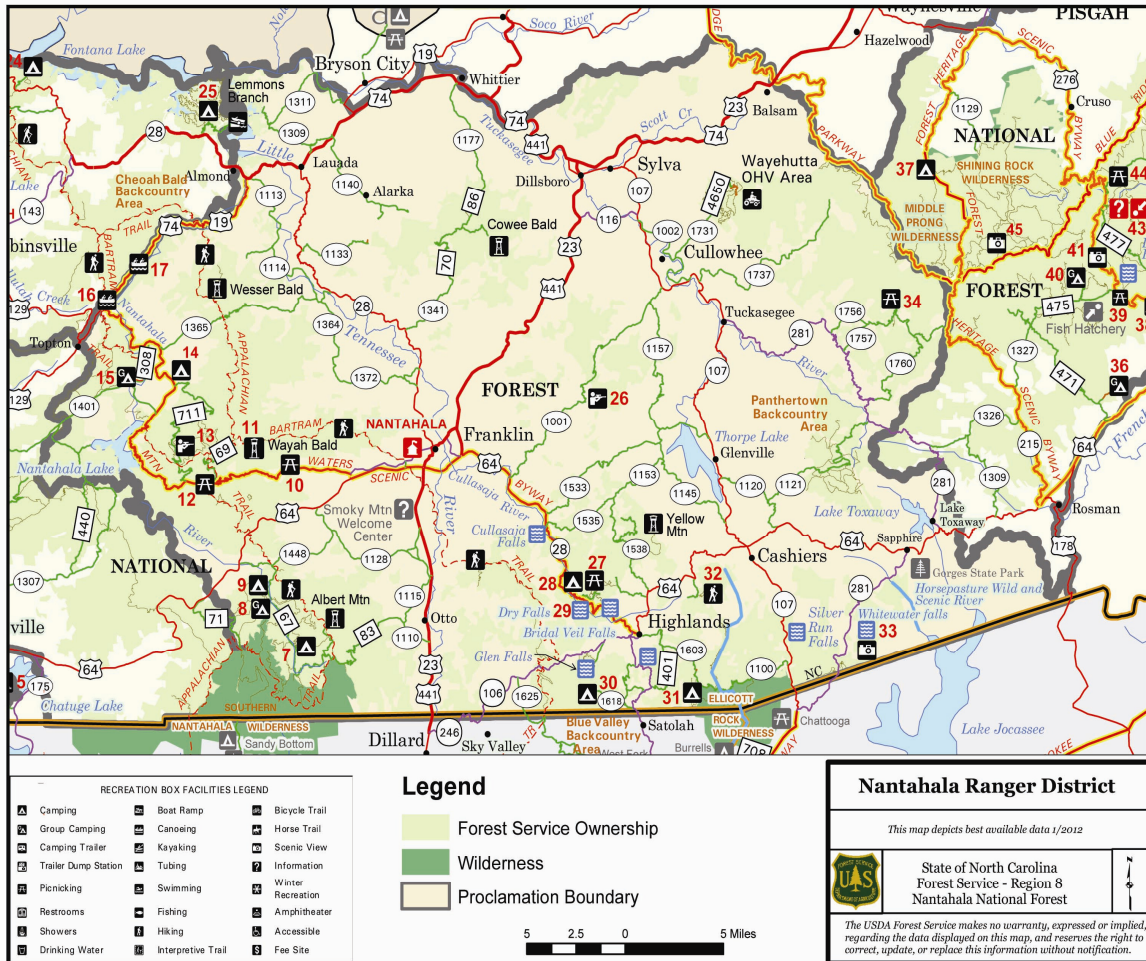
The District completed reconstruction of a large section of the Wayehutta Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area. Using a \$75,000 National Recreation Trails Program grant, the Forest Service reconstructed 13 miles of the 24-mile trail. This project was necessary to prevent siltation in the local watershed and to protect the trail infrastructure from further resource damage. Visitor feedback on the improvements has been overwhelmingly positive. District staff worked in conjunction with Smoky Mountain OHV Club representatives and contractors to implement solutions to the resource issues.

**District Provides Temporary, Non-Commercial Guide Permits**

Commercial use for outfitting/guiding on the Nantahala River has been limited to existing outfitters since the permitting system began in 1983. Over the years, the agency has received many requests to use the Nantahala River. Forest Service policy changed in 2008, allowing for the issuance of temporary special use permits for outfitting/guiding activities. While there is still a need to limit long-term permits, the Forest Service determined there was unused capacity on weekdays on the river. In 2011, the decision was made to issue 12 temporary permits to groups such as camps, universities and clubs for the opportunity to use the Nantahala River to train young paddlers. The decision allows more groups to use and enjoy the scenic river.

**Stretch of Road 711 Restored**

In 2011, the Nantahala Ranger District restored and repaved 5.8 miles of National Forest Service Road (NFSR) 711. Funding for the \$875,000 project came from capital improvement and maintenance funds. Constructed in the early 1960s, the road came under disrepair over the years. The 15.1-mile road, a key link between two state highways, provides seamless access from the state transportation system to over 10,000 acres of the Nantahala National Forest. Road 711 provides access to the Appalachian Trail and many other popular sites.





**NFsNC Ranger District: Pisgah  
District Ranger: Derek Ibarguen**

**By the Numbers**

**Acreage: 160,000 acres**

**Employees: 18**

**Accomplishments**

**District Collaborates with Local Groups on Projects**

The Pisgah Ranger District was successful in initiating and implementing seven vegetation management projects. The projects improved forest conditions by enhancing wildlife habitat, decreasing non-native invasive species, improving safety, and providing forest products for consumer use. District staff collaborated with numerous groups, interested in forest management, on project decisions. The projects benefit small businesses that perform much of the work.

**Forest Service Improves Key Sites**

The Forest Service made significant improvements to iconic locations to ensure the Pisgah Ranger District continues to be a premiere destination for visitors and local residents. The English Chapel Bridge, located near Davidson River Campground, was restored allowing for continued use while preserving the historic and scenic properties of the structure. Improvements at Sliding Rock Recreation Area included repaving the parking lot, installing a water runoff filtration system and a new observation deck. Major additions to The Cradle of Forestry in America included a new 1.3-mile paved accessible trail and installation of a roof over the amphitheater. All projects utilized private contracts to complete the work.

**District Provides Nature-Based Tourism and Education**

Each year the Pisgah Ranger District attracts over one million visitors seeking an outdoor experience. The District manages more than 80 outfitter guide permits that provide revenues for camps and small businesses. The Pisgah Ranger District recently received the Regional Forester's Award for Engaging Urban America for outreach efforts such as: conservation education programming at the Cradle of Forestry; completion of the Estatoe Trail, in partnership with the City of Brevard, to connect the city/county trail system directly into the Pisgah National Forest; hosting Conservation Field Day in association with local school systems; and the annual Kid's Fishing Day.



*The Pisgah Ranger District provides recreational opportunities for tens of thousands of visitors each year, which helps strengthen the area's economy.*





**NFsNC Ranger District: Appalachian  
District Ranger: Tina Tilley**

**By the Numbers**

**Acreage: 161,511 acres**

**Employees: 24**

**Accomplishments**

**Roan Mountain Re-opens for Rhododendron Season**

NFsNC re-opened Roan Mountain Gardens Recreation Area on June 6, 2011 after a year-long renovation project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). More than \$700,000 in Recovery Act funds allowed the Forest Service to provide employment for local contractors while addressing a backlog of maintenance and facility needs. The renovations improved safety and the visual appeal of the popular area.

**New Pier Expands Fishing Opportunities along South Toe River**

District personnel worked with the supervisor's office to plan, design and construct this fully handicapped-accessible pier on the bank of the South Toe River. This pier can be accessed from the River Road (FSR 472) or from Black Mountain Campground along the River Loop Trail.



*The River Loop Trail Bridge and the new accessible fishing pier offer visitors a variety of experiences.*

**Dam Removal Improves Fish Habitat in Upper South Toe River**

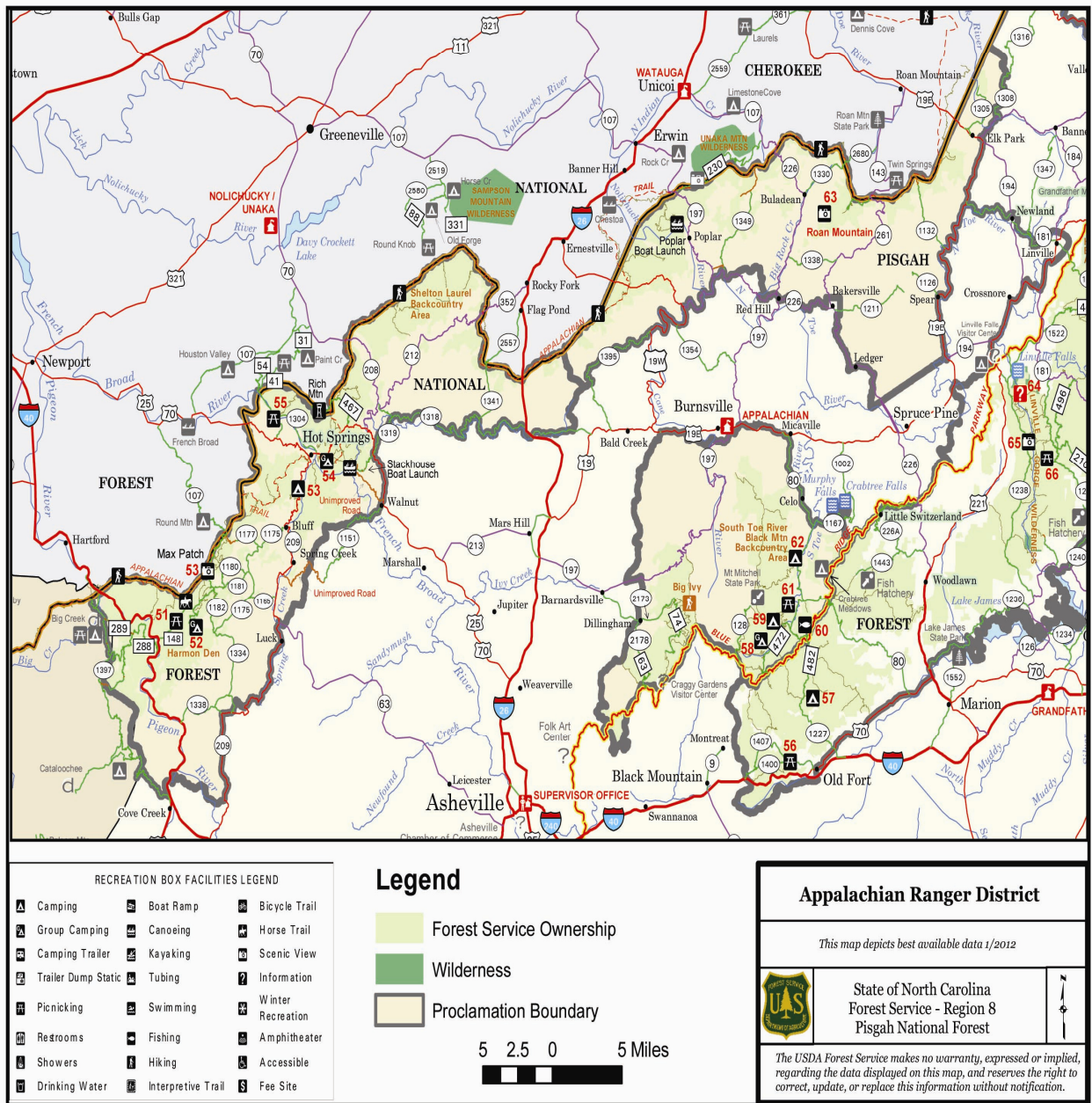
Removal of the fish barrier has made the upper South Toe River the first watershed on the Forest to allow natural passage for all native aquatic species.

**Innovative Project Benefits Wildlife Habitat near Max Patch**

In 2011, NFsNC and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission began work in the Catpen area, in Madison County, to increase wildlife food sources such as apples and acorns. It is the first wildlife habitat improvement project in western North Carolina conducted under a first-of-its-kind agreement between the federal agency and a state agency. The project and master agreement, signed earlier in the year, leverage federal and state resources to restore habitat. Phase two of the project, conducted in cooperation with Trout Unlimited, will improve the quality of habitat within Max Patch Pond.



*Removing the dam in Upper South Toe River is enhancing the quality of this important aquatic ecosystem.*





## NFsNC Ranger District: Grandfather District Ranger: John Crockett

### By the Numbers

**Acreage: 192,540 acres**

**Employees: 17**

### Accomplishments

#### **Celebrating the Weeks Act**

NFsNC invited the public to join National Park Service and local officials to a July 29th ceremony to unveil a new wayside exhibit on the Blue Ridge Parkway commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Weeks Act. The exhibit overlooks the first tract of land, called the Curtis Creek tract, which was purchased under the Weeks Act of 1911. The act led to the creation of the national forests in the eastern United States. After the dedication, the public was invited to drive through the tract. The event culminated at the Old Fort Museum where retired Forest Service Associate Deputy Chief Jim Webb provided remarks.



*Thanks to the Forest Service, travelers on the Blue Ridge Parkway now enjoy a new sign honoring the purchase of the first tract of land under the Weeks Act.*

#### **Partners Promote Ecosystem Health with Fire Model**

Representatives from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Wildlaw, N.C. Forest Service, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, and the U.S. Forest Service developed a model that prioritizes areas to accomplish controlled burns on the Grandfather Ranger District. The TNC Fire Learning Network brought the group together. The goal of the partnership is to determine the desired future condition for those lands in the Central Escarpment. The model determines where to burn based primarily on ecological need. NFsNC has adopted the model, which has been used with other models to determine where to prioritize watershed treatments on the National Forest.

#### **District Uses Special Authority to Increase Diversity**

The Grandfather Ranger District is doing its part to increase diversity among its ranks. The district hired Renardo Knight, an African American, through the Job Corps program. Renardo is a graduate of the Schenck Job Corps and the Davidson River Initial Attack Crew, which is a firefighting crew made up of graduates from various Forest Service Job Corps Centers. Knight, a native of Atlanta, Ga., was hired under the Student Career Experience Program, which converts students to permanent employees after 640 work hours.



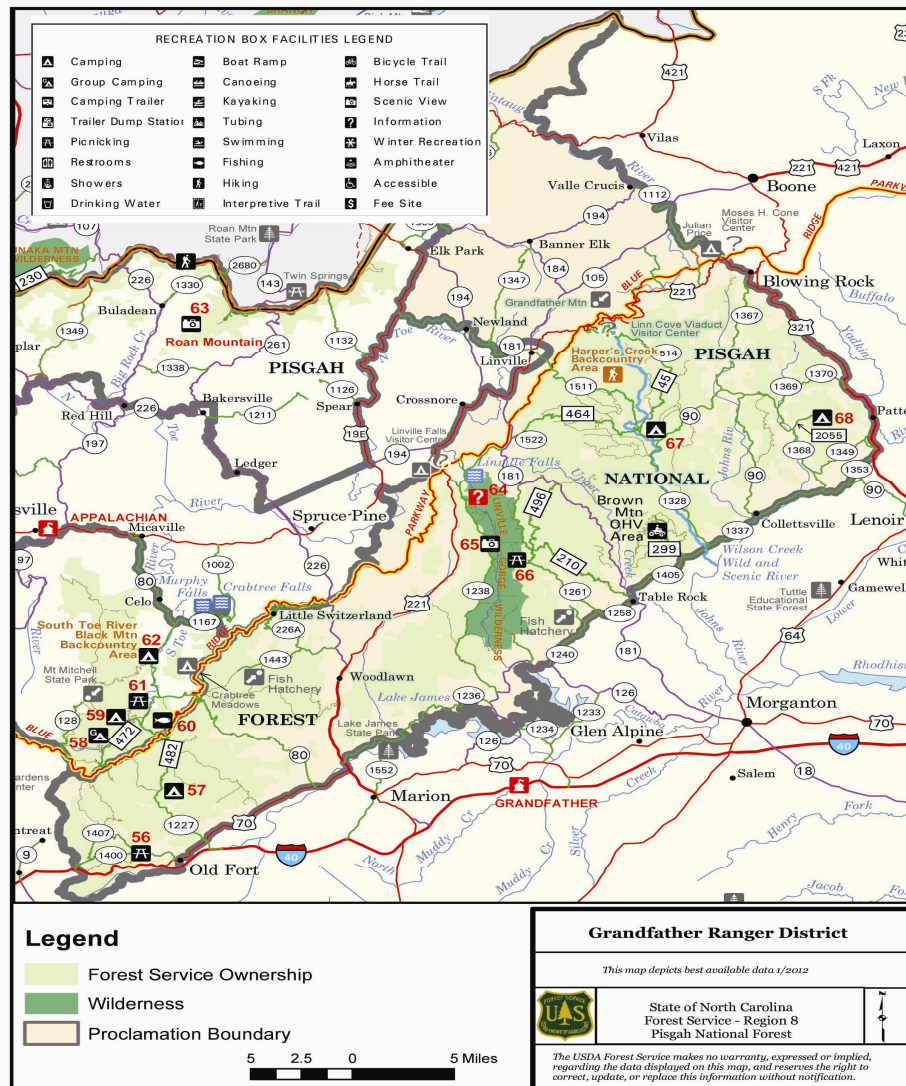
*The Grandfather District hired Renardo Knight through the Job Corps program.*

## NFsNC Ranger District: Grandfather (cont.)

### District Ranger: John Crockett

#### Successes from the Globe Timber Sale

The Globe Timber sale generated much controversy when it was introduced in 2006. The agency made several modifications to the project, including a partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf). The Forest Service is implementing the Mulberry-Globe project through a Supplemental Stewardship Agreement with NWTf. Through the partnership, the Forest Service trades the value of the timber marked for harvesting to NWTf in return for work performed by NWTf employees, partners and subcontractors. This work includes; 1) creating early seral habitat (357 acres); 2) preparing sites to favor desired species (346 acres); 3) improving timber stands (346 acres of release treatment); 4) placing large boulders to block illegal off road use and trash dumping (eight sites); 5) creating wildlife fields (four locations); 6) projects to restore streams (two projects in Boone Fork); 7) treating noxious weeds (to occur where needed following harvesting); and 8) rehabilitating trails in China Creek (approximately 1.5 miles). In 2011, the project received the Regional Forester Award (internal Forest Service award) for successes in Stewardship Contracting.



**NFsNC Ranger District: Uwharrie Ranger District  
District Ranger: Deborah Walker**

**By the Numbers**

**Acreage: 50,645 acres**

**Employees: 15**

**Accomplishments**

**Uwharrie Forest Plan Revised**

A revision of the Uwharrie Land and Resource Management Plan was submitted to the public for comment during the summer of 2011. The next step is to complete the final plan in early 2012 and begin implementation of ecological restoration efforts that will restore longleaf pine, protect heritage sites and endangered plants, and better manage recreation. Developing sustainable trails will help the agency to better protect heritage resources and endangered plants from damage from recreation.

**District Upgrades Badin Lake Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trail**

The OHV trails at Badin Lake have seen a big improvement this past year. Volunteers and grants from the state Recreational Trails Program provided much-needed repairs along the OHV trails. In addition, two new trail bridges were installed.

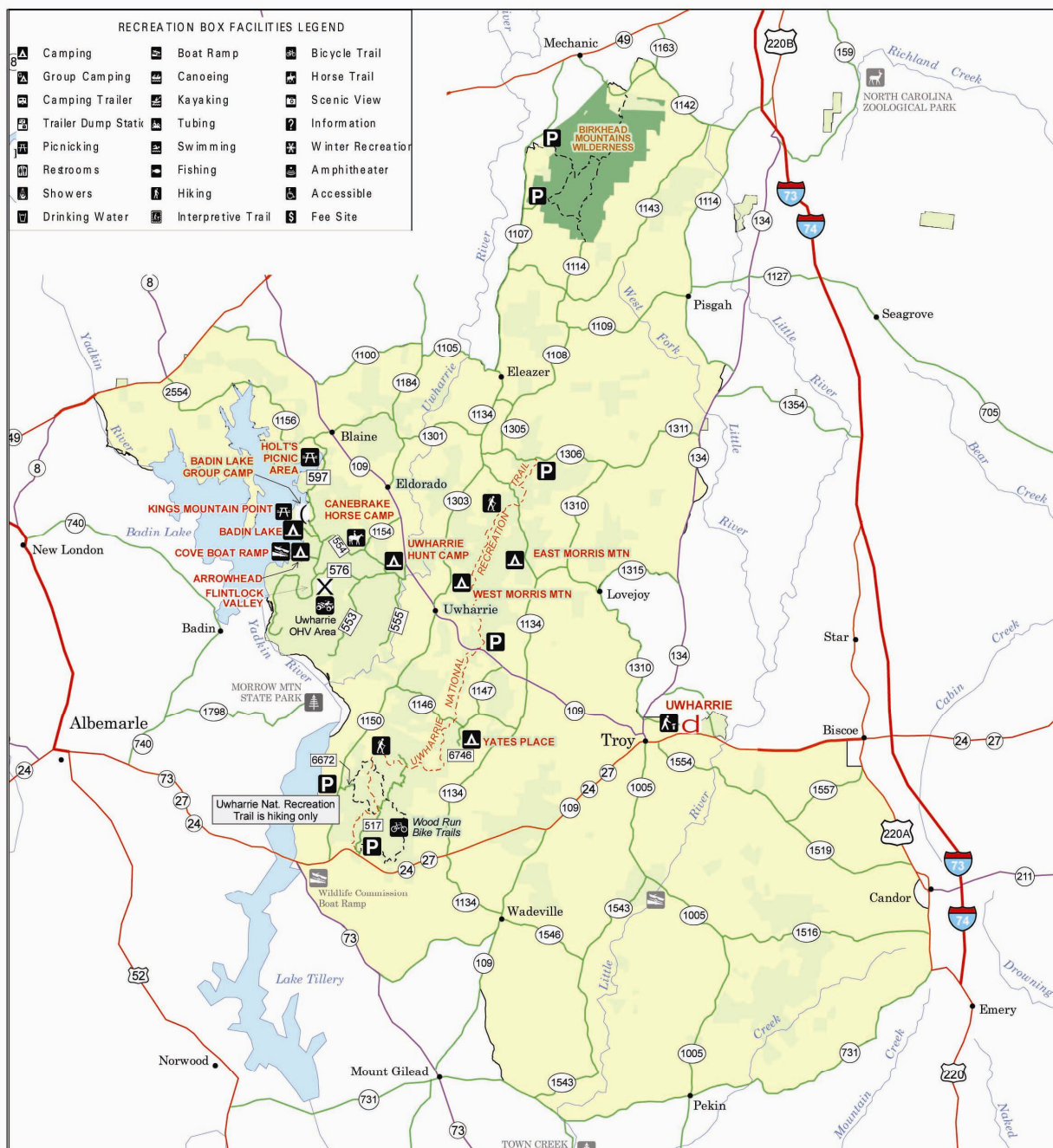
**Wood Run Mountain Bike Trails Improved**

After two years of planning, surveys, preparation and implementation, the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) in partnership with the Southern Off-Road Biking Association (SORBA) and the Uwharrie National Forest have improved the mountain biking experience in the Wood Run area. Over the course of this project, volunteers and other partners (including First Bank) contributed an estimated \$200,000 worth of time and donations to IMBA, SORBA and the Uwharrie National Forest. The work of volunteers and a grant made the project possible.



*New OHV bridge on Dickey Bell Trail*





## Legend

- Forest Service Ownership
- Wilderness
- Proclamation Boundary



## Uwharrie Ranger District

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State of North Carolina  
Forest Service - Region 8  
Uwharrie National Forest

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**NFsNC Ranger District: Croatan Ranger District  
District Ranger: Pancho Smith**

**By the Numbers**

**Acreage: 159,885 acres**

**Employees: 20**

**Accomplishments**

**Forest Constructs New Trail for Equestrians**

Equestrians visiting the Croatan National Forest can now enjoy a new 14-mile trail. The Forest Service constructed the trail near the Pinecliff Area and completed the majority of the parking lot and sanitary facilities. This project fulfills both the need for equestrian trails required in the Croatan Land Management plan, as revised in 2000, as well as the state trails plan for eastern North Carolina. The trail project was accomplished through a partnership with the state and several horse groups including Reins and Bits.

**New Treatment Plant at Flanner's Beach**

The Forest Service replaced the Flanner's Beach/Neuse River recreation area sewer treatment plant with an underground septic system. This eliminates the need for spray fields as well as a type 2 land application sewer treatment plant. The new system is better for the environment and saves money. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded the project.

**Cleaning up After Mother Nature**

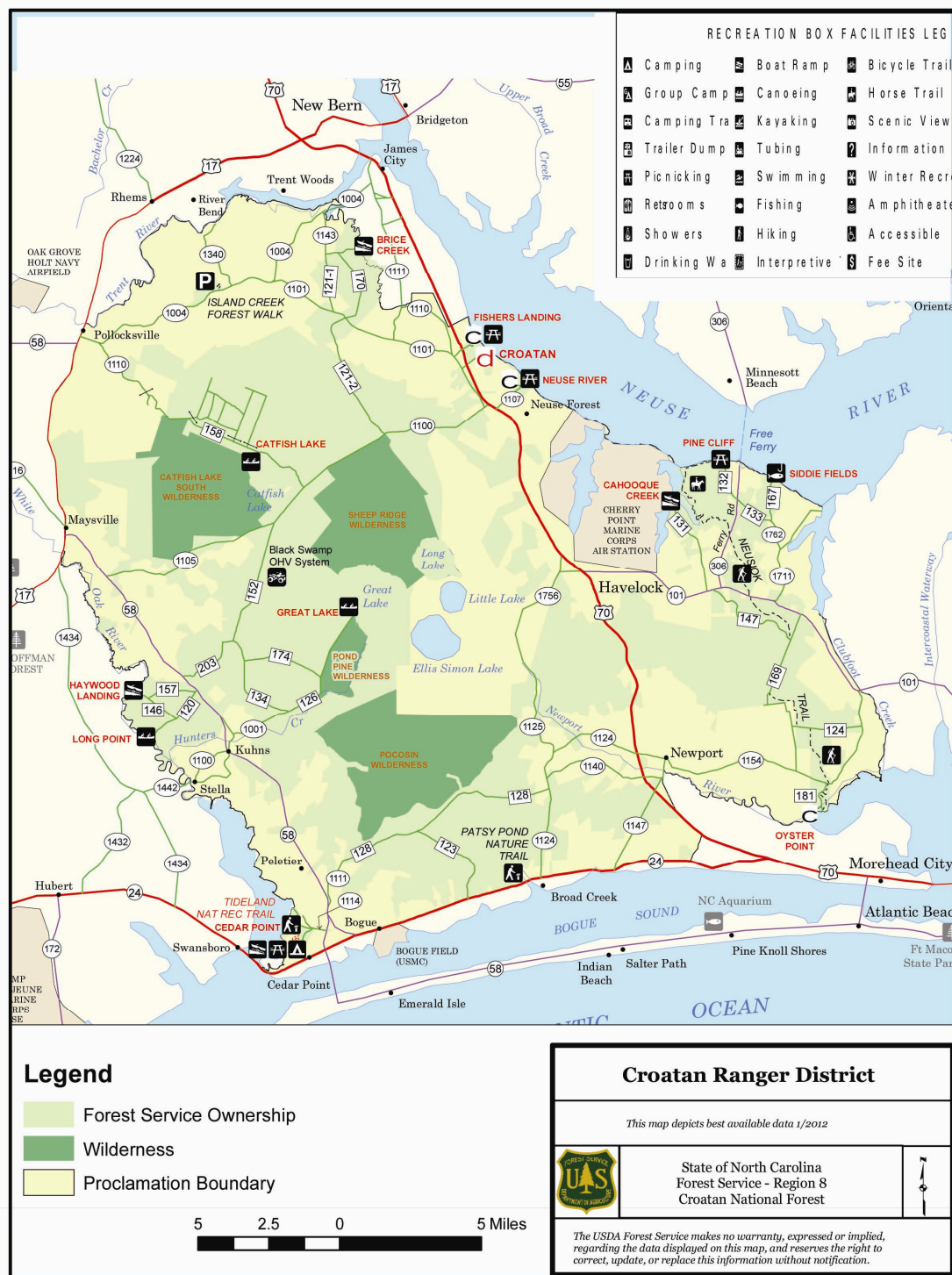
Employees at the Croatan National Forest spent a considerable amount of time in 2011 cleaning debris and repairing facilities following a spring tornado and Hurricane Irene in late summer. A significant amount of clean up and repairs were needed at the Flanner's Beach/Neuse River Recreation Area. Removing downed trees at the beach and along roads in other areas of the forest kept employees busy for weeks. These activities ensure that the area is safe for visitors and employees.

**Forest Service Helps Endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker**

In 2011, NFsNC helped the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) rebound from habitat loss in the Croatan National Forest due to Hurricane Irene, which downed a number of cavity trees. Cavity trees are an essential habitat component for the RCW. Initial field surveys following the hurricane, followed by discussion with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, led to a plan to replace 38 downed cavity trees across the national forest. The Forest Service utilized a contractor to create the new RCW cavity trees prior to fall RCW dispersal. This will allow the Croatan National Forest to continue to strive towards meeting RCW Recovery Plan Goals.



*Cavities, like this in a longleaf pine tree in the Croatan National Forest, provide essential habitat for RCWs.*





# NATIONAL FORESTS IN NC FACT SHEET FY2011

## *General Information*

National Forests	4
Acres of National Forests in NC	1,254,569
Acres on the Pisgah National Forest	512,758
Acres on the Nantahala National Forest	531,281
Acres on the Uwharrie National Forest	50,645
Acres on the Croatan National Forest	159,885
Ranger Districts	8
Job Corps Centers (533 student capacity)	3
Nursery/Seed Orchard	1
Counties with National Forests in NC Land	24
Total Population within NC (July, 2009, U.S. Census Bureau NC)	9.5 million
FY 2011 Total Forest Budget (appropriated funds only)	\$27.3 million
Employees (Permanent)	212
Volunteers	627

## *Water*

Miles of Perennial Streams	5,742
Miles of Warm Water Streams	2,366
Miles of Cold Water Stocked Trout Streams	350
Miles of Cold Water Wild Trout Streams	3,026
Acres of Lakes and Reservoirs	35,950

# NATIONAL FORESTS IN NC FACT SHEET FY2011

## ***Recreation***

Total Number of National Forest Visits	7.5 million
<i>Viewing Scenery</i>	<i>48.5 percent</i>
<i>Camping</i>	<i>8.4 percent</i>
<i>Hiking &amp; Walking</i>	<i>66.5 percent</i>
<i>Fishing</i>	<i>10.5 percent</i>
<i>Driving for Pleasure</i>	<i>28.2 percent</i>
Recreation Enhancement Act Receipts	\$1,644,874
Developed Recreation Sites	174
Wild & Scenic Rivers	3
Miles of National Forest Scenic Byway	140
Acres of Wilderness (11 areas)	103,226
Acres of Wilderness Study Areas	26,920
Acres of Special Interest Areas	62,517

## ***Trails***

Miles of Forest System Trails	1,695
Miles of Appalachian Scenic Trail	226
Miles of National Recreation Trails	97
Miles of National Historic Trails	4

## ***Heritage Resources***

Total Acres Surveyed on National Forests	1516
Total Sites Recorded	76

## NATIONAL FORESTS IN NC FACT SHEET FY2011

### ***Timber***

Timber Harvest	53,740 ccf or 26.9 mmbf
Timber Sold for	51,497 ccf or 25.7 mmbf
Timber Offered <i>(Amount is expressed in 100 cubic feet or million board feet. ccf x .50 = 1,000 board feet)</i>	51,497 ccf or 25.7 mmbf
Acres of Commercial Harvest	1,927
<i>Acres Regenerated</i>	421
<i>Acres of Commercial Thinning</i>	1,433
<i>Acres of Two-age Shelterwood Harvest</i>	415
<i>Acres of Special Harvest</i>	73
<i>Acres of Patch/Stand Harvest</i>	6
Acres of Non-Commercial Harvest	2,573
<i>Acres of Timber Stand Improvement</i>	2,003
<i>Acres of Pre-Commercial Thinning</i>	0
<i>Acres of Site Preparation</i>	
<i>Natural Regeneration and habitat improvement</i>	23,019
<i>Tree planting</i>	86
<i>Acres of Tree Planting</i>	125
<i>Acres of Understory Vegetation Control</i>	84
<i>Acres of Permanent Land Clearing</i>	8

### ***Forest Receipts***

Timber Related Revenues	\$1,569,372
Power & Mineral Revenues	\$250,783
Recreation Enhancement Act Revenues	\$1,644,874
Special Forest Products Permit Sales	\$74,847

## NATIONAL FORESTS IN NC FACT SHEET FY2011

### ***Lands***

Miles of Property Boundary	4,810
Special-Use Permits	1,496
Acres Acquired by Exchange	0
Acres Conveyed by Exchange	0
Acres Purchased	35
Acres Donated	0
Acres Conveyed (FSFREA)	0
Incidents Investigated	1,407

### ***Wildlife, Fish & Plants***

Vertebrate Species	500
Species Commonly Hunted <i>(white-tail deer, eastern wild turkey, squirrel, black bear, ruffed grouse, raccoon, rabbit, feral swine, waterfowl)</i>	11
Principal Fishing Species <i>(large and small mouth bass, striped bass, trout, sunfish, catfish, walleye, and muskellunge)</i>	18
Threatened & Endangered Animal Species <i>(4 freshwater mussels, 1 snail, 3 salamanders, 2 reptiles, 2 fish, 1 insect, 1 spider, 2 birds, 3 bats, flying squirrel, manatee, cougar,)</i>	21
Threatened & Endangered Plant Species <i>(1 lichen, 3 shrubs including NFsNC endemic mountain golden heather, 15 herbs including swamp pink, mountain bluet and rough-leaf loosestrife)</i>	19
Sensitive Animal Species	80
Sensitive Plant Species <i>(11 lichens, 2 hornworts, 40 liverworts, 27 mosses, 2 trees, 11 shrubs, 16 grasses and sedges, and 95 herbs)</i>	204
Locally Rare Animal Species	279
Locally Rare Plant Species	395

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### ***Facilities***

Forest Service Administration Buildings (186,620 sq. ft.)	142
Leased Administration Buildings (32,445 sq. ft.)	2
Administrative Sites	51
Job Corps Centers	3 with 111 buildings
Lookout Towers	10
Telecommunication Sites	20
Offices	9
Work Centers	12
Seed Orchard	1
Potable Water Systems	86
Sewerage Systems (septic tank systems, tertiary, and secondary treatment systems)	110

### ***Roads & Bridges***

Miles of Road with Forest Service Jurisdiction	2,571
Inventoried Road Bridges, plus 86 Large Culvert Installations	214
Miles of Road Constructed	2.23
Miles of Road Reconstructed	34
Miles of Road Open Year-Round	981
Miles of Road Normally Closed to Public Vehicle Use	1,590

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### ***Fire***

Wildfires	117
Acres Burned in Wildfires	749
Annual Wildfires (FY 00-09)	117
Average Annual Acres Burned in Wildfires (FY 00-09)	4,876
Acres of Fuel Treatment & Prescribed Burning	27,821
People Who Completed Southern Region Interagency Hotshot Training Detail	16
Resource Order Processed Through Inter-agency Dispatch Center	3,528

### ***Law Enforcement***

Arrests	76
Citations Processed	1,419
Warning Notices Processed	792
Marijuana Plants Seized from National Forest Land	282

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<i>FY 2011 Payments to Counties</i>				
COUNTY	NF (ACRES)	PILT (\$)	PL110-343 (\$)	TOTALS (\$)
Avery	28,369	72,398	50,756	123,154
Buncombe	31,464	81,803	35,390	117,193
Burke	48,794	119,997	75,946	195,943
Caldwell	49,416	119,626	85,922	205,548
Carteret	56,828	160,614	58,675	219,289
Cherokee	93,422	189,744	214,938	404,682
Clay	65,934	137,001	124,681	261,682
Craven	63,068	152,461	71,086	223,547
Davidson	958	2,316	1,538	3,854
Graham	113,443	226,669	223,677	450,346
Haywood	68,886	300,836	96,373	397,209
Henderson	17,295	42,449	18,474	60,923
Jackson	77,200	173,906	124,619	298,525
Jones	39,989	96,672	58,507	155,179
McDowell	73,728	154,681	154,232	308,913
Macon	153,199	331,692	237,886	569,578
Madison	55,278	115,483	102,643	218,126
Mitchell	18,916	47,193	38,466	85,659
Montgomery	39,997	96,648	92,273	188,921
Randolph	9,690	23,426	18,959	42,385
Swain	22,352	579,530	43,874	623,404
Transylvania	88,307	198,681	106,332	305,013
Watauga	393	22,719	541	23,260
Yancey	38,272	79,321	92,079	171,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,255,198</b>	<b>\$3,525,866</b>	<b>\$2,127,867</b>	<b>\$5,653,733</b>

FY 2011 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) per acre for national forest and national park land.  
 USDA Forest Service payments to states under Public Law 110-343 Amended Secure Rural School and Community Self  
 Determination Act.

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**PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST**

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**GRANDFATHER RANGER DISTRICT**

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**PISGAH RANGER DISTRICT**

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FOREST**

**NANTAHALA RANGER DISTRICT**

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